

# MEMORANDUM

## State of Alaska

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
Alaska Marine Highway System

### Master's Action Circular: 20-002

TO: Chief Engineers, Vessel Masters,  
Bridge Crew, Engineering Crew.

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SUBJECT: Non-Discharge Zone  
Ketchikan

### Purpose

This Master's Action Circular is provided as guidance to minimize / stop / limit wastewater discharges within the vessel operations between the south boundary line of Gravina Point to Mountain Point and north boundary line south of Guard Island.

### Discussion

Due to the relatively high bacteria count of fecal coliform and enterococci, along the coastline and in the port region of Ketchikan, it is in the best interest of AMHS Best Management Practice to minimize / stop / limit wastewater discharges within vessel operations during the summer months of high revenue service (May – September).

### Policy

Within vessel operations, do not conduct wastewater discharges in the Port of Ketchikan / Region, while the vessel is docked and in transit-mode. If vessels operations have limited tank space onboard, discharge is allotted in lowest amount until departed the non-discharge area.

Area of Non-discharge Small Vessels under BMP Plan: Port of Ketchikan Alaska	
► AK Boundaries of Non-Discharge Area is between:	
South Boundary	Line from → <i>Gravina Point to Mountain Point</i>
North Boundary	Line from → <i>South of Guard Island</i>

### Reporting:

Chief Engineers are to ensure that this policy guidance is followed. Bridge crew will notify Engineering crew when vessel enters and exits non-discharge/discharge areas.

cc: Captain John Falvey, General Manager  
DOT AMHS Port Captains  
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Captain Anthony Karvelas, Operations Manager  
Narciso Flores, Marine Engineering Manager

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